

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-19, were rejected. Claims 1-4, 15, 16, and 18 were rejected under §102(e) over Perahia. Claims 8, 10-14, 17, and 19 were rejected under §103(a) over the combination of Perahia and Jalali. Claims 1-19 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, for the recitation of indefinite language and independent claims 1 and 16. And, claims 5-7 and 9 were indicated to recite allowable subject matter, but objection was made to such claims for being dependent upon rejected parent claims.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 5-7 and 9.

Claim 1 has been amended, now to include the recitations of claim 5, and claim 5 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been further amended in manners believed to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection thereof. And, the recitations of claim 9 have been placed in independent form as newly-presented claim 20.

Accordingly, claim 1, as now-amended, and claim 20 as newly-presented, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Because the remaining ones of the dependent claims, dependent upon claim 1, include all of the limitations of their parent claim, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Additionally, independent method claim 16 has been amended in manners corresponding to the amendments to claim 1. As claim 16 is believed merely to be a method analog of the recitations of claim 1, claim 16, as now-amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance, for the same reasons as those given with respect to claim 1. Additional amendments to the claim are believed to overcome the §112, second paragraph, rejection thereof. Dependent claims 17-19, which include all of the limitations of their parent claim, are also believed to be in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

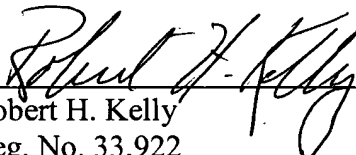
In light of the forgoing, therefore, independent claims 1, 16, and 20, and the dependent claims dependent thereon, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination of claims 1 and 16, and the remaining dependent claims dependent thereon, is

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respectfully requested. And, examination and consideration for allowance of claim 20 is also respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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